ERNET. The total cost of this Project is Rs. 6.75 lakhs. Once the Bibliographic Data Base Project is sanctioned and the funds are released by the competent authority, the concerned institution should contact the Department of Electronics for installation of VSAT. The Department of Electronics would intimate site Preparation related requirements as well as guidelines for project implementation.

The detailed technical guidelines for electronics projects which would be implemented within the overall policy frame work laid down by the Department of Programme Implementation, have since been issued by the Department of Electronics, copies of which have already been circulated among the Members of Parliament.

Electrification of Erode-Cochin Railway Line

448. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allotted for electrification of Erode-Cochin Railway line during 1995-96;

(b) how much out of the amount has been spent so far;

(c) what is the percentage of the work already completed;

(d) whether any section of Erode-Cochin has been electrified since the project has been sanctioned; if so, the details thereof;

(e) if the answer to part (d) above be in the negative, by when which section would be electrified; and

(f) by when, the whole line would be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) Rs. 26 Cr.

(b) Rs. 11.34 Cr. upto Sept. '95.

(c) Work on Erode-Palghat portion of Erode-Palghat-Cochin Harbour Terminus section is in progress. At present, overall progress is 24%

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Erode-Coimbatore section is likely to be completed by March, 96. The entire section Erode-Ernakulam-Cochin Harbour Terminus is targetted for completion by March, 98, subject to availability of funds.

Amount Sanctioned by CAPART

449. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state the details of schemes sanctioned, amount sanctioned and released by CAPART to voluntary institutions at Madhubani district in Bihar since December, 1994 till date together with the progress in respect of the schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): Since December, 1994 CAPART has sanctioned only one project under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme for an amount of Rs. 2,08,750 in Madhubani district of Bihar. However, CAPART has not yet released any amount for the sanctioned project.

Setting up of New Railway Zones in Orissa, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh

450. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to set up some new railway zones in the States of Orissa, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh was under the consideration of Government;

(b) if so, what are those new zones proposed to be established in those States; and

(c) the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) to (c) A study group constituted for examining the existing geographical distribution of zones and divisions in the wake of Project Unigauge and the construction of Konkan Railway, has suggested a need for its rationalisation. This exercise may also entail the creation of some new zones and divisions.

Further processing for formulation of proposals and other related matters is being undertaken.

Target fixed for freight traffic by Railways

451. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed by Government in the current financial year for freight traffic to be handled by the Railways;

(b) the target achieved by the Railways in respect of freight traffic and the income earned by Government as a result thereof;

(c) the main causes for not achieving the target fixed in respect of freight traffic; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to remove those causes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) and (b) The position is as under:—

	Target 1995-96	Target April-Oct. 1995	Actual April-Oct. 1995
		(in million tonnes)	
Revenue earning freight traffic	398.00	214.25	212.72
		(Rs. In crores)	
Freight earning	15125.00	8556.96	8589.64

(c) and (d) Tight position of wagon availability mixed with heavy detention to wagons by major users etc. resulted in marginal shortfall. Steps have been taken to enhance the level of wagon procurement.

Revision of pay-scales of UDC

452. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 497 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd August, 1995 and state:

(a) the details of meetings held by the Board of Arbitration to expedite the case of revision of pay-scale of UDCs of the Central Government Clerical Service after May, 1995 till date;